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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: CSCE, PFOR, AG  
SUBJ: EUROPEAN SECURITY CONFERENCE: BOUTEFLIKA DESIRE TO BE  
INVITED

1. WAS SUMMONED TO FOREIGN MINISTRY YESTERDAY AFTERNOON  
TO MEET COUNSELOR IN BOUTEFLIKA'S OFFICE NAMED HUSSEIN  
JUDY WHO MADE PRESENTATION AMOUNTING TO REQUEST THAT  
WE SUPPORT INVITATION TO BOUTEFLIKA TO ATTEND HELSINKI  
CONFERENCE AS INVITEE (RATHER THAN AS PARTICIPANT OR  
CONTRIBUTOR).

2. JUDY GAVE HISTORICAL RUNDOWN OF ALGERIAN PARTICIPATION  
AS CONTRIBUTOR TO SECOND PHASE AND SAID THAT BECAUSE OF  
MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT IT NOT POSSIBLE INVITE ALL  
MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRIES. SAID "IT HAD BEEN SUGGESTED"  
THAT ONE WAY OF DEALING WITH THIS THORNY ISSUE WOULD BE  
TO INVITE BOUTEFLIKA TO ATTEND CONFERENCE IN HIS CAPACITY  
AS PRESIDENT OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY, JUST AS SECRETARY  
GENERAL WAS BEING INVITED. HE WOULD OF COURSE GIVE  
SPEECH  
BUT WOULD NOT BE PARTICIPANT. THIS WOULD PERMIT A MEASURE  
OF NON-ALIGNED, NORTH AFRICAN, SOUTHERN MEDITERRANEAN  
AND ARAB REPRESENTATION. GOA WAS APPROACHING UNSPECIFIED  
OTHER MISSIONS IN ALGIERS ON SUBJECT. TIME WAS OF ESSENCE  
AND THEY HOPED WE WOULD TAKE QUICK ACTION TO SUPPORT THIS IDEA.

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3. QUICK CHECK REVEALS THAT SO FAR SOVIET  
IS ONLY OTHER AMBASSADOR APPROACHED. HE SAW

JUDY IMMEDIATELY AFTER I DID. BOTH SOVIET AND I PROMISED  
TO INFORM OUR GOVERNMENTS OF REQUEST BUT MADE NO  
COMMITMENTS.

4. COMMENT: THIS OBVIOUSLY MATTER OF PRESTIGE FOR  
BOUTEFLIKA. IN TERMS FLATTERING HIS EGO WOULD BE USEFUL  
GESTURE TO SUPPORT INVITATION. I ASSUME, HOWEVER, THAT  
CONFERENCE HAS SET OF GROUND RULES WHICH WOULD EXCLUDE  
HIM. FURTHERMORE, GIVEN FACT DEMARCHE MADE BY MIDDLE-  
RANKING OFFICIAL FOREIGN MINISTRY AND NOT BOUTEFLIKA  
OR SENIOR OFFICIAL, GIVEN BOUTEFLIKA'S RECORD AT UNGA,  
GIVEN RECENT ISLAMIC FOREIGN MINISTERS VOTE AT JIDDA AND  
GIVEN LIKELIHOOD HE WOULD MAKE SPEECH UNFAVORABLE TO US,  
I CANNOT FIND IT IN ME TO RECOMMEND THAT WE SUPPORT  
SUCH AN INVITATION. SUGGEST WE THROW THE BALL IN SOME-  
ONE ELSE'S LAP.

5. ADVISE.  
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